BOROUGH OF SWINTON & PENDLEBURY

ANNUAL REPORT

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1973

BOROUGH OF SWINTON & PENDLEBURY

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1973

The Worshipful The Mayor:
Councillor B.M.Sampson J.P.

Deputy Mayor:
* Councillor I.Jones J.P.

Alderman T.G.Harrison O.B.E., J.P.,C.C.
\+ Alderman D.Muldoon, J.P.
Alderman Mrs.E.Muldoon, C.C.
\+ Alderman D. Ogden J.P.(Resigned Jan.1973)
\+ Alderman C.B.Parr J.P.
\+ Alderman H.Singleton, J.P.
\+ Alderman E.Whitehead (Died March 1973)
\+ Councillor D.Bell J.P.
Councillor J.Birmingham B.E.M.,J.P.
Councillor F.Brockbank, J.P.
Councillor I.L.Clift, J.P.
Councillor G.Davies
Councillor D.Darby
Councillor C.Edwards (Died April 1973)
\+ Councillor Mrs.C.Faucitt
\+ Councillor Mrs.J.Gallagher
Councillor J.Gallagher
\+ Councillor J.Hill
\+ Councillor R.Porter
\+ Councillor F.Sharples
++ Councillor H.Shaw
Councillor I.J.Sumbland
\+ Councillor Mrs.M.Vickers
Councillor D.R.Whitehead
Councillor J.A.Wood

* Chairman of the Health Committee
++ Vice Chairman of the Health Committee
\+ Members of the Health Committee

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health

Willis J.Elwood, M.B.,B.Ch., B.A.O.(Belf), D.P.H.(Eng)

Chief Public Health Inspector

A. Menarry C.S.I.B., Cert. Insp. Meat and Food

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector

A.R.Elsby, C.S.I.B., Cert.Insp.Meat and Food,Smoke Insp.Diploma
A.M.Inst.P.C. (Resigned October 1973)

B.Walker, C.P.H.I.E.B., Cert.Insp.Meat and Food
(Appointed 1st November,1973)

Public Health Inspectors

D.Maginn, D.P.H.I.E.B.
D.G.Butcher, D.P.H.I.E.B., Smoke Insp.Diploma
(Resigned 31st January, 1973)
W.Rees, D.P.H.I.E.B., Smoke Insp.Diploma
(Resigned 1st April, 1973)
Miss V.Southern D.P.H.I.E.B.
P.L.Fishwick, D.P.H.I.E.B. (Commenced 19th March,1973)
M.Hughes, C.S.I.B.,Cert.Insp.Meat and Food
(Commenced 16th April 1973)
(Resigned 1st July, 1973)

Pupil Public Health Inspector

Miss G.Lloyd

Technical Assistants

R.Higgins A.M.I.P.,
D.Willett (Commenced August, 1972)
(Resigned 15th August, 1973)
W.W.Tarrant (Commenced December,1973)

Clerical Staff

Mrs.N.Nuttall,Chief Clerk
Mrs.M.J.Ansell, Clerk/Typist (Resigned 30th December,1973)
Miss M.Clough, Clerk/Typist
Mrs.E.Moore, Clerk/Typist

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TO THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS
OF THE BOROUGH OF SWINTON AND PENDLEBURY

Mr.Mayor,Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my seventeenth and last Annual Report which is accompanied by the report of Mr.B.Walker, Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector, for the year 1973.

In view of the time scale of reorganisation both of Local Government and of the National Health Service this report is much briefer than any of its predecessors, and a special effort has been made to have it ready in time for presentation to the last meeting of the Public Health Committee of the Borough of Swinton and Pendlebury on 18th February,1974.

The only comment I would make on the information presented here is to say that in spite of staff changes the services in the Borough were maintained throughout the year 1973, and that there were no serious epidemics. The staffing position at the time of writing is however extremely difficult, and it is essential that the successor Authority give attention to recruitment of public health inspectors or transfer of existing officers to the Swinton division if standards are to be maintained.

The whole of the public health service in Swinton is saddened by the recent death in post of Mr.Arthur Menarry, your late Chief Public Health Inspector. It is to be hoped that the service will be maintained in the future by officers as dedicated to their duty as he was.

Iam, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

WILLIS J.ELWOOD

Medical Officer of Health

February,1974

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1. GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of the District in acres	3,363
Population (Census 1971)	40,167
Last estimated population (1973)	39,360
Number of Inhabited houses at 31st December, 1973	14,690
Rateable value of district at 31st December, 1973	£4,592,038
Sum represented by a penny rate (1973-74)	£44,000

2. GENERAL DETAILS

The physical features of the District have remained virtually unchanged for several years, and there has been little change in the general occupations of the population.

3. PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There were 183 notifications of infectious disease (including tuberculosis) during the year as compared with 364 for 1972.

These diseases can be classified as follows:-

Measles	-	49
Whooping Cough	-	7
Dysentery	-	12
Food Poisoning	-	98
Infective Hepatitis	-	3
Scarlet Fever	-	7
Respiratory Tuberculosis	-	6
Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis	-	1

This is the twentysixth year in which no case of diphtheria was notified.

There were again no cases of poliomyelitis recorded during the year.

4. TUBERCULOSIS

There were seven new cases of tuberculosis during 1973 and the rate of incidence of the disease per 1,000 population is 0.175. We have also been notified of four deaths from this disease, three respiratory and one non-respiratory.

The total number of cases now on the register is 46.

In 1953 the case incidence per 1,000 population was .87. This figure was reduced to .18 for 1973. A similar reduction in the incidence of deaths from the disease has also been recorded, from .24 in 1953 to .10 in 1973.

5. GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES

MIDWIVES

The following are the names and addresses of the midwives practising in Swinton and Pendlebury at the date of writing.

Mrs.P.Brockbank, 12, Fletcher Avenue, Clifton	-	Tel.No.794 2363
Miss E.Sharples, 39, Gladstone Street, Pendlebury	-	Tel.No.794 1399
Mrs.I.Sparey, 3, Birch Drive, Pendlebury	-	Tel.No.794 3403
Mrs.P.Wheeldon, 23, Gloucester Road, Salford 6	-	Tel.No.736 4970

HEALTH VISITORS

The services of the following health visitors are available in Swinton and Pendlebury.

Mrs.B.Clutton)
Miss J.M.Gibbs)
Mrs.M.Harrison (part-time))
Mrs.E.Muslek) School Clinic, Partington Lane, Swinton
Mrs.J.Seal) Tel.No.794 7521
Miss E.Sherwin)
Miss A.Yates)

HOME NURSES

The Home Nurses normally work under the direction of the family doctor. The names, address and telephone numbers of the District Nursing Sisters are as follows:-

Mrs.A.Hadcroft, 12, Wyville Drive, Swinton	Tel.No. 794 5596
Mrs.J.Ramsbottom, 197, Greenleach Lane, Worsley	Tel.No. 790 4536
Mrs.S.Webster, 7, Windale, Little Hulton	Tel.No. 799 0155
Mrs.H.Holt, 8, Ross Drive, Clifton	Tel.No. 794 6464

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Anyone can call an ambulance by dialling 999. In non-urgent cases requests for ambulance transport can only be made by a doctor, midwife, responsible hospital official or dentist.

The telephone number of the ambulance station is 794 4343.

6. VOLUNTARY SERVICES

(a) The Womens Royal Voluntary Service Centre Organiser Mrs.E.Hully, 16, Laburnum Avenue, Swinton, Tel.No.794 2947 provides a meals on wheels service for old people who are housebound. A proportion of the cost of each meal is subsidised by the Borough Council in cases approved by the Divisional Medical Officer.

(b) The Swinton and Pendlebury Care of the Elderly Association, Hon. Secretary, Miss Wood, 18, Holly Avenue, Worsley.

(c) Swinton, Pendlebury & Worsley Society for Mentally Handicapped Children. Hon.Secretary Mr.W.A.Mailey, 101, Whittle Street, Walkden, Tel.No.790 3529.

(d) Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society, 74 Great Bridgewater Street, Manchester,1. Tel.No.236 0715.

(c) Family Planning Association:-

Swinton & Pendlebury Branch, Hon.Secretary Mrs.D.Corcoran, 14, Granby Road, Swinton, Tel.No.794 8201.
Eccles & District Branch. Hon.Secretary Mrs.M.Addis, 10,Chatsworth Road, Eccles. Tel.No.789 3861.
Little Hulton Branch. Hon.Secretary Mrs.B.Smith, "The Manse" Hilton Lane, Walkden. Tel.No.790 2860.

7.VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus

Under arrangements made by the County Council parents may have their children immunised from the age of 4 months. Three injections are normally given at intervals of not less than one month.

The following number of children were immunised in 1973.

	Primary	Reinforcing
Diphtheria	472	505
Whooping Cough	449	50
Tetanus	476	564

Vaccination against Poliomyelitis

During 1973 480 children were given primary doses, and 537 were given reinforcing doses. This compares with 541 primary and 570 reinforcing doses in 1972.

B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis

Parents of school children may be invited to consent to a skin test on their child, and to subsequent vaccination if the test proves positive. Any questions regarding B.C.G. should be raised with the School Medical Officer at the clinic.

Vaccination against Measles

During 1973 328 children were given this protection.

Vaccination against Rubella (German Measles)

Only four children were vaccinated against this disease in 1973.

8. CHILD WELFARE AND SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

SERVICE	CENTRE	HOURS OF ATTENDANCE
CHILD HEALTH	1. School Clinic, Partington Lane	Tuesday 2pm to 4pm Thursday 10am to 12noon 2pm to 4pm
	2. Victoria House Clinic, Victoria Park, Swinton	Friday 2pm to 4pm
	3. Beechfield Clinic, Folly Lane	Friday 2pm to 4pm
	4. Parish Hall, Rake Lane, Clifton	Wednesday 2pm to 4pm
CHIROPODY		
a) School Children	School Clinic, Partington Lane	Cases referred by School Medical Officer
b) Aged, Registered handicapped persons and expectant mothers	1. School Clinic, Partington Lane	By Appointment
	2. Beechfield Clinic, Folly Lane	By Appointment
c) Domiciliary Cases	Application to be made to Divisional Medical Officer, 33, Green Lane, Patricroft.	
DENTAL	School Clinic, Partington Lane	By Appointment
IMMUNISATION & VACCINATION (including Poliomyelitis)	1. School Clinic, Partington Lane 2. Victoria House Clinic, Victoria Park, Swinton 3. Parish Hall, Rake Lane, Clifton	By Appointment
MINOR AILMENTS	School Clinic, Partington Lane	Monday 9.a.m. to 11.30am School Medical Officer in attendance Monday.
OPHTHALMIC	School Clinic, Partington Lane	Cases referred by School Medical Officer.
SMEAR TESTS	School Clinic, Partington Lane	By appointment
SPEECH THERAPY	School Clinic, Partington Lane	Cases referred by School Medical Officer

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TO THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS
OF THE BOROUGH OF SWINTON AND PENDLEBURY

Mr.Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The issue of the last Annual Report of the Health Department of this Corporation is clouded by the tragic death of Mr.Arthur Menarry your Chief Public Health Inspector for the last five years. Mr.Menarry had been with the department for some 26 years and in that time his work had been greatly appreciated by Councillors and Officers alike. It is for this reason, therefore, that I have to present to you the Report for 1973.

This report is of necessity, a shortened version, for many of the figures from the Registrar General and other outside sources are not yet available.

The majority of the departments work during 1973 has been concentrated on house improvements, and it seems likely that this will continue to be the case until at least June of 1974, when the Improvement Grant reverts to 50%. There are still a considerable number of people making grant applications but, whilst these are processed as quickly as possible, there is a shortage of contractors, and in many cases the work will not be completed before the relevant date.

Slum Clearance has always been considered as a priority by this Corporation and, with one or two minor exceptions, all the houses in the current programme will have been represented by the 1st April 1974.

Domestic Smoke Control has continued and areas have now been declared to cover the whole of the Borough, which should now become smokeless by the end of 1975.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks for the support and assistance of the staff of the Health Department. During the last few months they have given their best under very difficult circumstances, and without their help the completion of the Housing and Smoke Control Programmes would not have been possible.

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen

Yours faithfully,

B.WALKER

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector

February 1974

1. HOUSING

A. Improvement and Standard Grants

There has been a further considerable increase in the number of grant applications during 1973 and only a few of these have been for Standard Grants. This increase was occasioned by the addition of Swinton and Pendlebury to the Governments Intermediate Development Areas, which in turn meant that grants are now paid on the basis of 75% of the approved cost.

In the 10 years from 1961-1971 the average number of applications received each year was approximately 50. During 1973 724 applications were received, which necessitated 2217 visits, and a great deal of work on estimates. A total of £221,830 was paid out in grants as against £85,001 in 1972.

B. Slum Clearance

Although no further Clearance Areas were declared in 1973, several areas were confirmed and rehousing and demolition have continued. The majority of the properties remaining in the Corporations current clearance programme will, however, be represented by March 31st 1974. Five complete Clearance Areas were demolished during the year, accounting for some 62 houses. 119 other properties were vacated. Of the houses already represented some 86 families were awaiting rehousing at the end of 1973.

Since Slum Clearance began 3296 houses have been represented and a total of 10,035 persons have been rehoused. This figure constitues approximately one quarter of the population of the Borough. In the years between 1945 and 1973 a total of 2122 houses have been demolished and almost 6500 people have been rehoused.

At the time of writing the following areas still remain to be completed.

Sutherland Street, Swinton	-	Represented 14.9.70
Bolton Road Pendlebury,No.12	-	Represented 18.1.71
King Street Swinton	-	Represented 1.3.71
Bolton Road Pendlebury,No.14	-	Represented 1.6.71
Chorley Road Swinton, No.2	-	Represented 12.7.71
Moorside Road,Swinton,No.6	-	Represented 20.12.71
Moorside Road,Swinton,No.7	-	Represented 20.12.71
Moorside Road,Swinton,No.8	-	Represented 20.12.71
Ermens Buildings,Pendlebury	-	Represented 20. 3.72
Ethel Ave,Pendlebury,No.1	-	Represented 15. 2.72
Partington Lane,Swinton,No.3	-	Represented 7. 2.72
Rake Lane, Clifton, No.3	-	Represented 16. 5.72
Rake Lane, Clifton, No.4	-	Represented 16. 5.72
Mossfield Road,Pendlebury No.1	-	Represented 16.5.72
Mossfield Road,Pendlebury No.2	-	Represented 26. 6.72
Hospital Road,Pendlebury,No.1	-	Represented 7. 8.72
Vine Street,Pendlebury,No.1	-	Represented 30.10.72
Poplar Road,Swinton,No.2	-	Represented 30.10.72

C.Qualification Certificates

During 1973 twenty Qualification Certificates were applied for and fifteen lists of defects were sent to the various owners.

D.Disinfestation

The Corporation continue to provide a free service to householders to eradicate insect pests and 116 properties were treated.

2. ADMINISTRATION

The departments inspectors made 6054 visits during 1973, and 222 defects or nuisances were discovered. A total of 150 of these nuisances were remedied.

Some 47 Statutory Notices were served during the year. This figure has been decreasing for some time and would seem to indicate an improvement in the standards of tenanted property within the Borough.

3. ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The Corporation continued their membership of the South East Lancashire and North East Cheshire Consultative Committee, and their representation of the National Society for Clean Air. With the recognition of noise as a serious form of pollution, the various committees referred to have extended their activities to consider and attempt to deal with this nuisance and its effect on the health of the community.

The work on Smoke Control has continued and although No.9 Smoke Control Area has been temporarily postponed, the whole of the District will have been declared Smoke Controlled before the Borough is dissolved in March 1974. The last areaswill unfortunately not become operative until 1975. The Committee must feel well satisfied with their efforts in smoke control and its results can be readily seen by residents and visitors to the town.

4. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The inspection of food premises declined during 1973, due to the pressures of other work, but as many inspections as possible were made. During 1974 this work will again become a priority and every effort will be made to maintain and improve Standards of Hygiene. Inspections of the Corporation Market Stalls have continued on a twice weekly basis throughout the year.

Food Sampling

Sampling has been continued during 1973, but there were no recorded contraventions. However, 9 complaints were received from the public and legal proceedings were instituted in all these cases. Of the 9 cases, one was withdrawn after the complainant declined to give evidence, two cases were dismissed, there were two convictions, and in four cases the hearing has yet to take place.

The co-operation of the public in these matters is greatly appreciated when it is reaslied that on many occasions they receive no compensation for items brought to the attention of the Department, particularly where proceedings are instituted.

5. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

There are now five blocks of conveniences in the Borough, operated by the Health Department. During 1973 a new block at Queensmere, Pendlebury was opened, although this has already suffered from the usual vandalism. If the public are to be provided with clean efficient operational toilets, permanent manning provides the only solution. This fact has been borne out by the absence of vandalism at the Town Centre toilets, and the public have indicated their approval of the facilities provided.

6. MORTUARY ACCOMMODATION

As there is still no mortuary within the Borough it has been necessary to continue the use of the mortuary at Bridgewater Hospital.

During 1973 a total of 128 bodies were received; 115 of these died from natural causes.

7. REFUSE COLLECTION

The largest single problem affecting the collection of refuse during 1973 has been the tremendous increase in indiscriminate dumping of all types of refuse on the many vacant sites in the Borough. With this in mind, the Committee purchased a further Multilift vehicle with detachable containers but it is increasingly difficult to keep pace with the amount of refuse being deposited.

The department now operates three domestic refuse rounds, one round collecting shop refuse and 1¼ cu.yard bulk containers and two multilift vehicles with nine detachable containers.

A total of nine vehicles are operated by the department and the personnel of the department comprises some 32 men.

8. REFUSE DISPOSAL

Controlled tipping has continued at Carrington Street, Pendlebury and the site should be almost completed by the end of 1974.

A noticeable increase in the volume of refuse was seen during 1973 and there has been a continued increase in the amount of builders waste deposited.

One mechanical shovel and two men are employed on the tip.

Refuse disposal will become a function of the new Greater Manchester County Council from 1st April, 1974.

The total amount of refuse tipped during the year was approximately 57,756 tons.

9. NEW PROPERTIES AND WARD DISTRIBUTION

During 1973 116 dwellings were erected (58 private and 58 corporation) Bearing in mind the number of demolitions the number of houses in the various wards is now as follows:-

Central	-	1768
Old Park	-	2084
Broadoak	-	2319
Moorside	-	2009
Newtown	-	2188
East	-	1827
Clifton	-	2495
TOTAL	-	14,690

10. BYELAWS

The only addition to the Byelaws operating within the Borough was that of Cycling in the Town Centre, which became operational on the 31st July, 1973.

11. COMPLAINTS

There has again been a steady reduction in the number of complaints received in the department and the majority of these concern Rats and Mice, Defective Ashbins and Choked Drains.

The total number of complaints received was 1191.

12. UNFIT FOOD

The following foods were surrended as Unfit for Human Consumption:-

Frozen Foods	-	2447 packets
Fresh Meat and Poultry	-	427 lbs.
Butter	-	77 lbs.
Flour	-	36 lbs.
Tinned Meat	-	165 lbs.
Coconut	-	200 lbs.
Miscellaneous	-	98 lbs.

13. FAECAL SAMPLES

A total of 190 specimens were received during the year and 21 proved positive.

A number of swabs were also submitted for examination and all proved negative for diphtheria.

14. OFFICES SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

There are now 388 registered premises in the Borough, 233 of which are retail shops. A total of 4036 persons are employed, the proportion of men to women being approximately 2 to 1.

Although there are only 106 offices registered these account for 2080 employees, the largest single division. 1194 persons are employed in the retail shops.

68 visits were made by the Public Health Inspectors during the year under review.

There are now a total of 559 occupied shops in the Borough.

15. RODENT CONTROL

During the year there were 499 complaints of rats and/or mice, and a total of 6536 visits were made by the rodent operators. 491 rats and mice were found.